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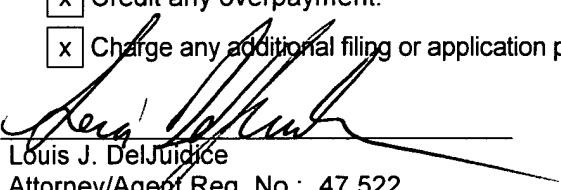
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, and with the Examiner's consent, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified U.S. patent application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.